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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

(i) CONSIDERATION OF AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ANNEX TO THE CONVENTION, WITH A VIEW TO ADOPTING IT

Addendum

Note by the secretariat

1. At its third session, the Conference of the Parties had before it a draft additional regional implementation annex for Central and Eastern Europe (ICCD/COP(3)/16), which was submitted by Armenia for consideration by the Conference further to its decision 11/COP.2. The Conference welcomed the process of accession of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe to the Convention, as well as the progress made in producing a draft additional regional implementation annex to the Convention for countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

2. By its decision 7/COP.3, the Conference invited the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and all Parties to the Convention to continue, under the auspices of the Bureau of the Conference, the process of consultations on the draft additional regional implementation annex, with a view to adopting it at the fourth session. By the same decision, the Conference requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to arrange and facilitate the process of consultations on finalizing the text of that annex. Finally, the Conference invited the countries of Central and Eastern Europe to continue their efforts towards their accession to the Convention.

3. Further to this decision, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, at its meeting in Bonn, Germany on 23 March 2000, took note of the ongoing process of accession to the Convention by Central and Eastern European countries, and decided that the draft regional implementation annex for countries of Central and Eastern Europe, as submitted at the third session of the Conference of the Parties by Armenia, constituted a proposed amendment to the Convention and that no further notification to Parties was required for its consideration and possible adoption at the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties.

4. The draft additional regional implementation annex for Central and Eastern Europe is attached to ICCD/COP(3)/16.

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